

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A connector comprising:

a connector main body comprising a base, a plurality of signal terminals and a plurality of ground terminals ; and

a conductive cable positioning member for positioning a plurality of cables relative to said connector main body, comprising:

a plurality of securing portions where said cable positioning member is secured to said ground terminals; and

a cable holding portion comprising a plurality of outer conductor holding portions adapted to hold an outer conductor protruding from the end of each cable and a plurality of insulating layer holding portions adapted to hold an insulating layer protruding from the end of each cable,

wherein said cable positioning member electrically connects said ground terminals at the securing portions to said outer conductors at the outer conductor holding portions.
2. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein said cable holding portion aligns center conductors of each of the plurality of cables to electrically connect to said signal terminals.

3. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein each of said securing portions comprises a recess that engages each of said ground terminals that protrude from the base toward the cable positioning member.

4. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein each of said insulating layer holding portions comprises a through-hole through said cable positioning member.

5. (currently amended): A connector according to claim ~~5~~1, wherein each of said outer conductor holding portions comprises a recess in a first surface of said cable positioning member surrounding said through hole and having one end of said through-hole on a bottom surface of said recess.

6. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein each of said outer conductor holding portions is a recess in a first surface of said cable positioning member opposite said securing portions.

7. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein said securing portions and said ground terminals are secured to each other and electrically connected by engagement and soldering.

8. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein when said outer conductor holding portions hold outer conductors of a plurality of cables, said plurality of outer conductors are electrically connected to one another.

9. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein when said outer conductor holding portions hold outer conductors of a plurality of cables, and when said insulating layer holding portions hold insulating layers of said plurality of cables, said outer conductors, insulating layers and center conductors of said cables are positioned in the predetermined position in relation to said connector main body.

10. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein when said outer conductor holding portions hold outer conductors of a plurality of cables, and when said insulating layer holding portions hold insulating layers of said cables, a center conductor of each of said cables is connected to each of said signal terminals of said connector main body.

11. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein said outer conductor holding portions are formed as recesses in a first surface of said cable positioning member opposite the securing portions, and a single outer conductor holding portion recess holds the outer conductors of at least two of said plurality of cables.

12. (original): A connector according to claim 11, wherein said insulating layer holding portions are formed as through-holes extending from a bottom surface of said outer conductor holding portion recesses to a second surface of said cable positioning member adjacent to said securing portion, and each insulating layer holding portion through hole holds an insulating layer of only a single one of said plurality of cables.

13. (original): A connector according to claim 11, wherein said insulating layer holding portions are formed as through-holes extending from a bottom surface of said outer conductor holding portion recesses to a second surface of said cable positioning member adjacent to said securing portion, and each insulating layer holding portion through hole holds insulating layers of at least two of said plurality of cables.

14. (original): A connector according to claim 1, wherein said outer conductor holding portions are formed as recesses in a first surface of said cable positioning member opposite the securing portions, and a single outer conductor holding portion recess holds an outer conductor of only a single one of said plurality of cables.

15. (original): A connector according to claim 14, wherein said insulating layer holding portions are formed as through-holes extending from a bottom surface of said outer conductor holding portion recesses to a second surface of said cable positioning member adjacent to said

securing portion, and each insulating layer holding portion through hole holds an insulating layer of only a single one of said plurality of cables.

16. (original): A conductive cable positioning member for positioning a plurality of cables relative to a connector main body that comprises a base, a plurality of signal terminals and a plurality of ground terminals, said cable positioning member comprising:

a plurality of securing portions at which said cable positioning member is adapted to be secured to said ground terminals; and

a cable holding portion comprising a plurality of outer conductor holding portions adapted to hold an outer conductor protruding from the end of each cable and a plurality of insulating layer holding portions adapted to hold an insulating layer protruding from the end of each cable,

wherein said cable positioning member is adapted to electrically connect said ground terminals at the securing portions to said outer conductors at the outer conductor holding portions.

17. (original): An assembled cable comprising:

a plurality of cables each comprising a central conductor, an insulating layer covering said central conductor and an outer conductor covering said insulating layer; and

a connector attached to said plurality of cables, said connector comprising:

a connector main body comprising a base, a plurality of signal terminals and a plurality of ground terminals ; and

a conductive cable positioning member for positioning said plurality of cables relative to said connector main body, comprising:

a plurality of securing portions at which said cable positioning member is secured to said ground terminals; and

a cable holding portion comprising a plurality of outer conductor holding portions for holding an outer conductor protruding from the end of each cable and a plurality of insulating layer holding portions for holding an insulating layer protruding from the end of each cable,

wherein said cable positioning member electrically connects said ground terminals at the securing portions to said outer conductors at the outer conductor holding portions.

18. (original): An assembled cable according to claim 9, wherein said cables include a coaxial cable.

19. (original): An assembled cable according to claim 9, wherein said cables include a twin coaxial cable.